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C O N F I D E N T I A L BANGKOK 20361

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: THAI MEDICAL DELEGATION TO VISIT HANOI

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1. A FIVE-MAN THAI DELEGATION DEPARTED BANGKOK SEPTEMBER 26 FOR A WEEK'S VISIT TO HANOI AT THE INVITATION OF THE NORTH VIETNAMESE MEDICAL ASSOCIATION. COMPOSED OF FIVE PROMINENT DOCTORS, THE GROUP IS HEADED BY FORMER THAI HEALTH MINISTER UDOM POSAKRITSANA AND INCLUDES OPPOSITION MEMBER OF PARLIAMENT KRASAE CHANAWONG, LEADER OF THE NEW FORCE PARTY. THE TEAM INTENDS TO OBSERVE MEDICAL AND HEALTH SERVICES IN NORTH VIETNAM AND, DURING THE RETURN HOME, IN LAOS. DR. UDOM TOLD THE PRESS THAT PRIME MINISTER KHUKRIT PRAMOT GAVE HIS APPROVAL FOR THE TRIP IN EARLY SEPTEMBER.

2. THEP THEWAKUN, CHIEF OF THE SOUTH-EAST ASIA DIVISION AT THE FOREIGN MINISTRY, TOLD AN EMBASSY OFFICER THAT A TRIP LIKE THIS DID NOT COME OUT OF THE BLUE. HE SAID THAT HANOI HAS BEEN PRESSURING THE RTG IN VARIOUS WAYS TO BEND TO ITS WILL, AND THIS IS JUST ONE MORE INSTANCE. HE ACKNOWLEDGED THAT THE RESULTS OF THE TRIP WILL BEAR  
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WATCHING. FINALLY, THEP NOTED THAT THERE ARE NO NEW

DEVELOPMENTS CONCERNING FOREIGN MINISTER CHATCHAI  
CHUNHAWAN'S LONG DISCUSSED AND DELAYED VISIT TO HANOI,  
DESPITE A RECENT PRESS REPORT THAT IT WILL NOW TAKE  
PLACE IN NOVEMBER.

3. COMMENT: NOTWITHSTANDING A CONTINUING SERIES OF  
HANOI PROPAGANDA ATTACKS ON THAILAND (SEE FOR EXAMPLE  
THE RADIO BROADCAST ON THAILAND'S "UNFRIENDLY ATTITUDE  
TOWARD VIET-NAM" IN REF), IT IS JUST POSSIBLE HANOI  
MAY ATTEMPT TO SIGNAL THROUGH THIS DELEGATION A NEW  
WILLINGNESS TO SIT DOWN WITH THE THAI ON LESS DEMANDING  
TERMS THAN IN THE PAST. WE IMAGINE THAT THE RTG IS  
INDEED KEEPING AN EYE ON THIS CONTACT.  
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